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## **Listing of Claims:**

- 1. (currently amended) A medical apparatus comprising at least one surface which is at least partially coated with a <u>hydrolytically condensed organosilane sol-gel</u> composition, wherein the composition provides iodine resistance sol gel material.
- 2. (previously amended) The medical apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the sol-gel material is formed from an organosilane compound and water.
- 3. (previously amended) The medical apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the sol-gel material is formed from an organosilane compound and silica particles.
- 4. (previously amended) The medical apparatus according to claim 2, wherein the organosilane compound comprises tetraethoxysilane (TEOS).
- 5. (previously amended) The medical apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the coating can be cured at a curing temperature of about 80°C or lower.
- 6. (previously amended) The medical apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the sol-gel is formed from an acid chosen from the group comprising malonic acid, dimethylmalonoc acid and itaconic acid.
- 7. (previously amended) The medical apparatus of claim 1, wherein said surface is a tabletop of a diagnostic system.
- 8. (currently amended) A medical apparatus comprising at least one surface which includes an a hydrolytically condensed organosilane sol-gel iodine-resistant

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hydrolytically condensable substituent, Y is a polymerizable substituent R-A, wherein R is an alkylene or arylalkylene, and A is selected from the group comprising halogen, amino, amide, aldehyde, alkylcarbonyl, carboxy, thio, cyano, alkoxy, alkoxycarbonyl, sulfonic acid, phosphoric acid, acryloxy, methacryloxy, epoxy or vinyl, and Z is a hydrolytically non-condensable and non-polymerizable substituent, and wherein p is equal to 2, 3, or 4, q is equal to 0, 1, or 2, and r is equal to 0 or 1.

- 9. (cancelled)
- 10. (cancelled)
- 11. (currently amended) The medical apparatus of claim 10 8 wherein p+q is greater than 2 and p+q+r is equal to 4.
- 12. (previously submitted) The medical apparatus of claim 8, wherein said at least one surface is a tabletop of a diagnostic system.
- 13. (currently amended) A process for making medical equipment resistant to iodine comprising coating one or more surfaces with a sol gel material hydrolytically condensed organosilane sol-gel composition.
- 14. (currently amended) The process of claim 13 wherein said sol-gel material is emprised of a glossy material having the formula comprising:

demi-water,

itaconic acid,

ethyl alcohol.

tetraethoxysilane,

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glycidoxypropyl trimethoxysilane, silica dispersion, and

wetting agent.

15. (new) The process of claim 13 wherein said sol-gel material is a matte material comprising:

demi-water,
itaconic acid,
ethyl alcohol,
tetraethoxysilane,
glycidoxypropyl trimethoxysilane,
silica dispersion
matting agent, and
wetting agent.